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- 2) "Selected Acid Generating Agents and Their Use in Processes for Imaging Radiation-Sensitive Elements," Serial Number 10/155,696, filed May 24, 2002, pending in Group Art Unit 1752, Examiner John S Y Chu.

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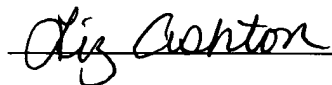
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